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Omaha police escort protesters off campus

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A group of pro-life protesters representing the Wisconsin-based group Missionaries to the Preborn was told Wednesday morning to leave campus or be arrested.

Members of the group, which included children, held up 5- and 6-foot posters depicting graphic pictures of abortions. They handed out brochures to passersby titled "The America Holocaust Photo Display," which also contained graphic abortion pictures.

Members of the group were spread out across campus from Roskens Hall to the Milo Bail Student Center Plaza to University Library.

Richard Hancock, a Campus Security lieutenant, told the protesters in the MBSC Plaza just before noon that their demonstration was in violation of university policies.

Three Omaha police officers were on scene. Hancock told the protesters they would be arrested if they did not leave campus.

University policy requires that protesters file and be approved for a permit at least 72 hours before demonstrating, Hancock said. Missionaries to the Preborn never filed for a permit.

Hancock told members of the group if they filed for a permit and it was approved, they were welcome to come back to campus in a few days.

Another university policy, Hancock said, says people on campus who cannot produce identification can be arrested for trespassing.

Hancock asked many of the protesters to show identification, but they said they did not have any.

A group of students who had stopped to watch the conflict cheered when a small group of protesters left the MBSC Plaza and walked westward to exit the campus.

"We'll be back, sinners," protester Dan Holman yelled as he exited the plaza. "We'll leave you to your own devices."

"I'll see you in hell," an unidentified male student yelled back.

George Wilson of Sheboygan, Wisc., was one of the protesters asked to leave campus who could not produce identification.

"I'm not refusing to leave," Wilson said. "... But I thought it was a marketplace of ideas."



Campus Security Lieutenant Richard Hancock (center) tells protester George Wilson (far right) to leave campus or be arrested late Wednesday morning. Another protester (left) and a student (to Wilson's left) look on.

Wilson challenged the students who stood nearby to look at the pictures of the aborted fetuses.

"America is not about depriving little babies of life," he said.

But many students were not receptive to the protesters' message.

"That is some sick sh*t to have out here," student LaDonna Carroll told Wilson as police escorted him and the rest of the group off campus.

Other students who passed by thanked the police officers who escorted the protesters off campus.

"We don't wanna see that," student Dominique Williams told Wilson. "We don't need to see that."

According to the group's Web site, www.missionariestopreborn.com, its members currently conduct four campus tours a year.

During the tours, members of the group spend four days in a particular state and travel to a different campus town each day, according to the Web site. The group usually stays on a campus from about 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

After the group leaves campus, it usually drops

literature by local junior high and high schools as the students are leaving for the day, according to its Web site. The protesters will then typically gather at a busy intersection from about 4 to 5:30 p.m. to display photos and banners and pass out literature.

Wilson said the group's First Amendment rights were being violated and it had a right to be demonstrating on the grounds of a public university.

"It's not me being taken off campus," he shouted, pointing at one of the posters. "It's that little baby being taken off campus."

The poster showed the picture of an aborted baby Wilson said was found in a dumpster.

"[The baby] doesn't belong in a dumpster," he said. "That baby belongs in someone's arms."

Wilson continued to ask students if they would like brochures as Hancock and the policemen escorted him off campus.

He said the brochure shows why the group was on campus.

"We're here to let that baby speak for itself," he said.

Environmental student group tries to save UNL's recycling program

JOSIE LOZA

NEWS EDITOR

Chelsea Phillippe, a student at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was outraged when she learned her university decided to throw its recycling program in the trashcan.

The announcement to cut the program comes at a time when administrators are announcing budget-reduction proposals. University officials estimate discontinuing the program will save at least \$30,000 per year.

Phillippe thought UNL's recycling efforts were solid. Last year, the university recycled 130 tons of newspaper, 290 tons of cardboard and 500 tons of office paper.

"With nearly 1,000 tons recycled annually, the savings are substantial," she said.

Phillippe, president of UNL's Ecology Now, an environmental club, was upset in the university's decision to eliminate the entire program with no questions asked.

Ecology Now has about 15 active members. More students have joined the group since the university decided to cut the recycling program.

The environmental club is circulating petitions and writing letters to administrators to voice their opposition of the program's discontinuation. The group has received more than 1,000 signatures for its petition.

The group also met with UNL's Chancellor Perlman and Vice Chancellor of Business Christine Jackson to discuss alternate programs. The group made a list of 20 alternatives administrators could take to save money instead of cutting the program.

Phillippe said alternatives to cutting the recycling program deserve exploration.

The recycling program was included with UNL's waste management department, Phillippe said.

"They go hand in hand here," she said. "When Waste Management and Recycling personnel picked up the trash, they would collect the recycling material."

Along with the termination of the program, the recycling program manager will lose his full-time position. Both eliminations will take effect June 30.

The additional costs of sending the trash to the landfill as waste have not been considered. One ton of trash costs \$57 to transport to the landfill, Phillippe said. The same ton costs only \$37 when recycled.

"We're focusing on the financial situation of all of it," Phillippe said. "It's

just not going to make sense. Instead of getting paid for our trash, we're going to have to pay more for putting it in a landfill."

Restarting the recycling program from scratch could cost \$50,000 to \$80,000 and would require training new employees. UNL's recycling program has been around for 10 years.

"The real heartbreaker of this is that they didn't approach the recycling program about efficiency or what they could do to save themselves," she said.

Yet, UNL is not the only school in the NU system debating whether to discontinue its recycling program. UNO and UNMC's programs are currently under review. University officials expect both programs to be cut back dramatically.

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A high of 57 degrees Wednesday helped melt away most of the snow that had fallen on campus Sunday and Monday. Some students chose to take advantage of the relatively warm weather by studying outside, taking walks through campus and simply relaxing in the sun. According to the Weather Channel's Web site at www.weather.com, the pleasant temperatures should persist through the end of the week, remaining in the upper 60s and 70s.

photo by Josh Williamson

Campus crime log

JOSIE LOZA
NEWS EDITOR

March 27

2 p.m. Staff member reported theft of property from Milo Bail Student Center.

March 28

3:40 p.m. Student reported vandalism to their vehicle while parked in Lot 6.

March 31

2:34 p.m. Faculty member reported theft of personal property from Weber Fine Arts Building.


2:34 p.m. Student reported theft of personal property from the Weber Fine Arts Building.

April 1

3 p.m. Student reported theft of personal property from University Village.

April 2

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Jesus is coming to UNO

MARQUITA GOVAN
STAFF WRITER

Monday, April 14 will mark the beginning of the fourth annual Jesus Awareness Week at UNO.

The awareness week is sponsored by Campus Crusade for Christ. The week will feature a variety of events aimed at informing students about the life of Jesus and Christianity.

The program will have some material repeated from last year while including new ideas intended to catch people's attention. The weeklong event is scheduled to take place at several places across the campus.

Junior public relations major Evangeline Vergo, a volunteer for Campus Crusade, said the event is a collection of affairs designed

to encourage people to think about who Jesus was and his impact on individuals and nations.

"I'm excited about what Jesus Christ has done in my life and I want other people to have the opportunity to experience a relationship with him," Vergo said.

Christy Taylor, a senior social work major, explained how the event could help show the campus who Jesus is and the difference he could make in people's lives.

Taylor said the decision a person makes about Jesus is one of the most important decisions they'll ever make.

The week is slated to have everything from an open forum discussing topics such as love, war, science and pain to concerts by the cover band Chasing Elvis. All of the events are aimed at making the life of Jesus relevant to students today.

"Jesus dying and rising again didn't just happen 2000 years ago," Taylor said. "That act in history has the power to transform a person's life."

Other events include dramatic skits and games at the pep bowl.

Vergo said she helped with Jesus Awareness Week last year by giving her testimony in front of the Student Center.

Marc Vergo said some of his friends are planning to give testimonies at the event.

"I definitely want people to feel like Crusade would be a great place to get involved and know people and a

place to have real relationships and talk about real issues," he said. "I hope people will stop, have a good time and think about Jesus and what he means. As a result, I would love them to experience the love of Christ."

Taylor said she would like to see students walking away with a better understanding of Christ.

Schedule of events for Jesus Awareness Week:

11:30 a.m. April 14

Event: Christianity on Trial. What does the Bible say about war, love and science?

Find the answers to these questions and get free food as a panel of Christian students at UNO answer questions about Christianity, Jesus and what it all means.

Location:
Fireplace

Lounge of
the Milo Bail
Student Center

noon April 15

Event: Chasing Elvis in concert

Location: Milo Bail Student Center Plaza

11:30 a.m. April 16

Event: Pep Bowl Games Extravaganza

Location: Pep Bowl, field between UNO's Eppley Administration Building and Caniglia Stadium

noon April 17

Event: Chasing Elvis in concert

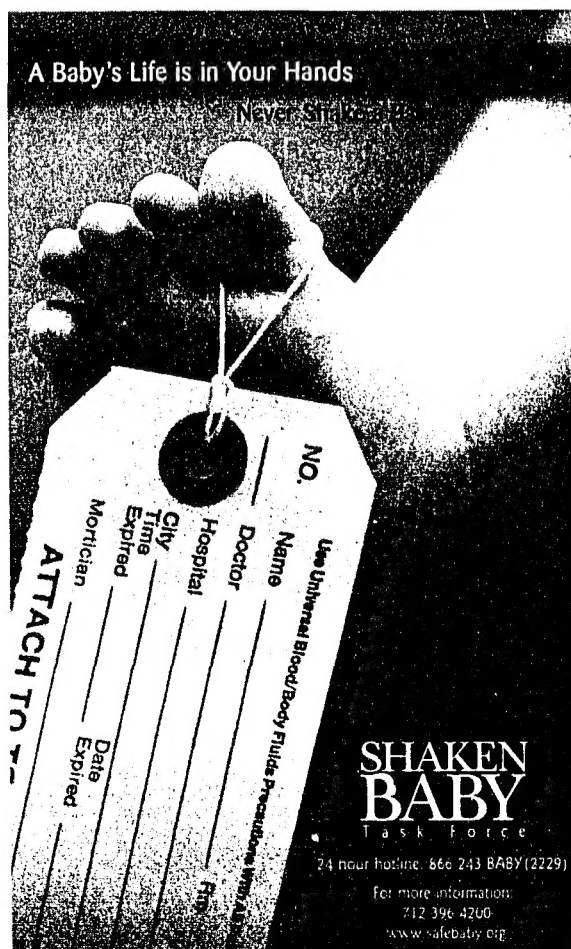
Location: Milo Bail Student Center Plaza

2 p.m. April 18

Event: Pep Bowl Games Extravaganza, Part II

Location: Pep Bowl

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NHS nurse awaits possible activation

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FEATURES EDITOR

As the war in Iraq continues, thousands of Army Reservists are waiting and wondering if they will be called upon to serve their country.

Laura Porter, R.N., a cardiology case manager at Nebraska Health Systems, is one of those people. She has been with NHS since February 1999.

"My country has afforded me a lot of luxuries in life, and I feel like I need to give back," Porter says about her decision to join the Army Reserves.

She says she wanted to join the army since she was 17 years old.

"I have a very significant sense of duty and patriotism," she says. "I felt it was my responsibility to do it."

Porter attended Creighton University for paramedic training. She was a field medic for 10 years before going into nursing.

She then received her associate's degree from the College of St. Mary before she returned to Creighton to get her master's in science and health services.

The Reserves helped pay for Porter's education.

Porter accepted a commission for the Army Nurse Corps in September 1996.

"With the medical corps and nurse corps, because we already have our professional degrees, we go through a different type of training," Porter says. "My basic training for reserve status was only 13 days."

She says those enlisted in her field go through standard boot camp with additional

schooling depending on what roles they play in the army.

"The basic training and other military schooling certainly helps teach you strategy and leaderships skills and how to be accountable for your actions and for the actions of the people you're working with," Porter says. "It also teaches how to do a lot of planning and looking at different alternatives and always having a secondary plan in place in case your first one falls through."

Porter uses her Army skills in her everyday life and work.

"One thing the military has certainly taught me that can translate into my civilian job, career and life is flexibility and patience, because you never know what's going to happen," she says. "You never know when they're going to call you."

Porter does not know if she will be called upon to serve in Iraq.

"I could get a call in two minutes that says you need to be packed up and here ready to deploy in 36 hours," she says. "I may never get a phone call at all."

"I have to live my life, but I have to live it in such a manner that I can pack my life up and leave at a moment's notice," Porter says.

In the Reserves, Porter is company commander of the 331st Medical Group, which oversees 15 to 20 Army Reserve medical units across a multi-state region. The medical group is based in Wichita, Kan.

If she were deployed with her current unit, she would maintain the role of company

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Project Achieve celebrates 10th year

KRIS KOHLMEIER
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

This year, Project Achieve celebrates a decade of helping students accomplish their goals.

Project Achieve, which is based on the federally funded program Student Support Services, opened at UNO in 1993.

The program's aim is to academically prepare students who need assistance through individualized guidance.

Mary Mudd, vice chancellor for student affairs, wrote the original grant. She was honored at a recent luncheon for Project Achieve.

Mudd proposed funding the program after realizing first-generation students are a large percentage of UNO's total enrollment. She says this is still true today, which is why the program continues.

Students can qualify for Project Achieve in two ways. The first is being a first-generation student, which means the student's parents do not have college degrees. The second is having financial need and/or a disability requiring accommodations.

Currently, 171 students of all grade levels are enrolled in the program.

Project Achieve Secretary Joyce Aldinger says the program focuses on academic support, "in any way we can."

A math/science and an English specialist are available at any given time. Specialized tutors are brought in if students need tutoring in different subjects. A counselor is also available to see students.

Students are required to meet with the counselor at least three times a semester so progress can be checked and questions answered.

The Project Achieve office is located in Room 117 of the Eppley Administration Building. It has its own computer lab. Aldinger says February usage alone was nearly 3,000 hours.

For many low-income students, Mudd says, technology access is limited. To help address this, the office has initiated a computer loan program.

At the end of the semester, if the staff sees a need, workshops will often be held to address specific academic needs or to refresh students on good study habits and test-taking skills.

Additionally, the staff assists students in finding financial aid.

Project Achieve is maintained through grants, which are written by staff members. Much of the staff believe their work is worthwhile.

Students with the program have been in a variety of leadership positions on and off campus. Mudd says in the past two years, eight Project Achieve students have served as Student Government senators, and one was elected student body president/regent.

Degrees have been awarded to 161 students since the start of the program, and some of these students have gone on to graduate and professional schools.

At the honorary luncheon, two graduates came back to tell how the program helped them and to try and inspire other students to continue their hard work.

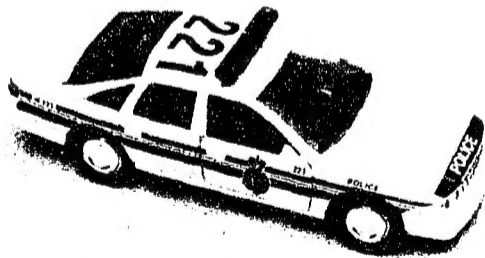
Aldinger is confident about the future of the program. She says the number of students using the office's resources continues to grow.

"It's a great program," she says.

For more information about Project Achieve, visit Eppley 117 or call 554-3492.

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Letters to the editor

Dear editor:

At 10:50 a.m. Wednesday, April 9 while I was working in the Student Center computer lab, I received a phone call from a friend.

"Have you seen the pro-life protesters? They are all over with the Holocaust signs and dead fetuses."

I had no idea. I turned around and looked out the window in the computer lab, which overlooks the Plaza.

Sure enough, there was a man holding a 5- or 6-foot-tall sign comparing images from the Holocaust to aborted fetuses.

This wasn't the first time this sign had been used. Sarah Weddington, the lawyer who won the Roe v. Wade case, spoke at the Omaha Jewish Community Center last fall, and protesters used these signs deliberately to intimidate the Jewish community.

"Oh no," I exclaimed on the phone. "What can we possibly do?"

I am very sensitive to how uncomfortable these violent images can make people because of my experiences fighting to protect abortion rights. I could see many students cringing at the tactlessness of these protesters.

I immediately called the director of women's studies and asked her to e-mail other faculty and let them know what was going on.

I then called the assistant director of the Women's Resource Center. I asked

her to go get one of the pamphlets the extremists were handing out so we could talk about ways to dispel the falsities they were spreading.

She had a better idea. She got several volunteers to pass out information from Planned Parenthood about the importance of preserving choice — information that doesn't rely on violent images but rather on real information.

I contacted the Reservations Office. I know every time I wanted to do a demonstration on campus or hand out information, I had to get a special permit. These people obviously didn't have one.

By the time I called the office, Campus Security was already on top of the situation.

However, this was different, because UNO has more authority over me than they did over the pro-life speakers; I'm a student, and my understanding is that none of them were students.

Consequently, police had to be called in. This delayed the process for removing the offensive speech and the violent images were displayed for at least an hour on campus.

The issue is not that pro-life speakers were allowed on our campus. I am an advocate for responsible use of free speech, so long as speakers have followed the rules to get their message across. I do, however, think it is time we as a society became more critical of the use of threatening and violent speech.

A recent Supreme Court case

banned the burning of crosses because it is seen as threatening and intimidating. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor said: "While a burning cross does not inevitably convey a message of intimidation, often the cross burning intends that the recipients of the message fear for their lives."

The use of violent images, whether cross burning or equating abortion to the Holocaust, to intimidate groups of individuals is different from other forms of free speech in that it doesn't encourage dialog but instead upsets people and makes them fearful.

I am thankful for my freedom of expression, and I do my best to use it responsibly by getting permits when I protest, getting my group's posters stamped by the Student Organizations and Leadership Programs office and using forums like this one to express my views.

I realize the majority of people on both sides of the abortion debate tend to use their speech responsibly, so if you are one of those people, good for you.

It's really too bad a few extremists ruin the dialog between both sides for the rest of us by using threatening images that trivialize one of the worst documented atrocities against a social group to make their message more forceful and intimidating.

Angie Robertson
Women's Resource Center director
Feminist Majority
Leadership Alliance president

Dear editor:

The budget cuts are greatly affecting the Nebraska University system.

Not only have they eliminated educational programs, but on March 31, the university announced it would eliminate the paper recycling programs at UNO.

Because the cost to recycle had exceeded the benefit from recycling, paper and cardboard are now considered regular waste and will be taken to a landfill for disposal.

Although we understand our university is having a difficult time managing a limited budget, paper recycling is something we have to support as our obligation for the future. Discontinuing the program ignores our responsibility to maintain and protect our environment.

By not recycling, we increase the risk of damaging the environment.

More and more rainforests, timberlands or any other sources to produce new papers for tomorrow will be in danger.

Though producing new paper is financially cheaper than recycling, paper manufacturing produces dangerous

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Ozma and Superdrag rock Knickerbockers

REVIEW BY BEN COFFMAN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

This spring's late storms have proved to be an inconvenience for more than just the people who have to clean up after them.

Touring buddy-bands Ozma (Pasadena, Calif.) and Superdrag (Knoxville, Tenn.) also had to deal with Mother Nature's springtime surprises before rocking last Saturday's at Knickerbocker's in Lincoln.

"They call it snow," said Ozma's vocalist/guitarist Ryan Slego. "But we called it an obstacle that must and will be overcome."

The dynamic touring duo ran into some weather problems on an interstate highway between Washington state and their show in Denver.

"There was some black ice on the road," said Daniel Brummel, Ozma's bass player/vocalist.

"Black ice, white ice - whatever," interrupted Jose Galvez, Ozma's second guitarist.

"We started sliding around," continued Brummel. "We almost slid into the railings."

Superdrag was in front of us and we saw them starting to slide and pulled over. Pat (Ozma's drummer) was driving—he did a good job. We drove like 5 miles an hour into the next town, which was Livingston, Mont."

Between poor weather and poorer attendance at shows, the Midwest can be a tough place to play for the SoCal prog-rockers.

"We're looking forward to getting to the East Coast, where we do a lot better," Galvez said.

"Middle America's kind of tough," Slego added.

Lincoln locals Project: Wet opened up Saturday night's show. The Lincoln four-piece slammed through a well-rehearsed short set punctuated by a pummeling song called "Firetruck," which featured added synth percussion by the band's DJ.

The band's sound lies "somewhere between metal and punk," said Brad Allison, the band's drummer.

Project: Wet is readying to record an EP and will be opening for Two Skinneeys at the Ranch Bowl in May.

Ozma was the next to take charge of the stage. The five-piece - Brummel, Slego, Galvez, Patrick Edwards (drums) and multi-instrumentalist Star Wick (flute, keyboards) - bathed the audience in drop-D barre chords, three-part harmonies and simplistic keyboard melodies from the new album, *Spending Time on the Borderline*.

"[We're] like a warm bubble bath with a beautiful woman," Brummel said,

jokingly, when asked to characterize the band's sound. He then changed his tune: "Progressive nerd rock. With a computer twist."

The band's heavy-hooking philosophy has been perfected over the past eight years - a long length of time for a band whose oldest member is 24 and two youngest are only 21.

The band's short set was flawless and passionless. As more fans crowded into the Lincoln shoebox known as Knickerbocker's, it was clear what band the fans wanted to see.

Superdrag soon took the reins and finished the night off with a Springsteen-esque hard-rockin' 20-plus song set. The band, best known for the 1996 hit "Sucked Out," is touring in support of its fourth album, *Last Call for Vitriol*.

"It's nice to be in a smoky club," said bassist Sam Powers during the band's non-stop set. "We've been in California."

"We consider ourselves a rock n' roll band, but every once in a while we want to do something different," said singer/guitarist John Davis, as the band prepared to play a Merle Haggard cover halfway through its performance.

The group re-affirmed its rockiness near the end of the set as it played rock anthems like "Baby Goes to 11," "Slot Machine," "Expanding My Mind" and "Feeling Like I Do."

"We killed emo," the sweaty Powers claimed as he took a breathing break between their songs.

"What is emo?" Davis asked.

"It ain't alive, I can tell you that," Powers replied.

[We're] like a warm bubble bath with a beautiful woman...

Progressive nerd rock. With a computer twist.

Daniel Brummel

Ozma's bass player/vocalist



photo by Josh Williams

Ozma rocked the Knickerbockers in Lincoln Saturday night. Jose Galvez backs up the vocals with his guitar-playing skills.



Bassist and lead vocalist Daniel Brummel plays to the packed crowd at the Knickerbocker Saturday.

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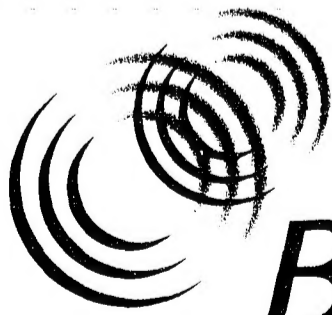
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Weather wreaks havoc on sports schedules

BRIAN BRASHAW
SPORTS EDITOR

It always seems there is one last snowstorm in Nebraska before it's all officially over with.

As expected, this year was no different. The snow storm last week blanketed the state with several inches of snow, which actually made the campus look very pretty, with snow draped all over the old elms and pines.

But it was a nightmare for the UNO athletic teams.

The Ironwood Classic, a gold tournament hosted by the UNO women's golf team, was shortened to 18 holes. The women's tennis dual against Graceland College in Iowa was cancelled. At least two baseball games were postponed, as was a softball double-header.

The tennis team was looking to break a school record for wins at Graceland, but it will have to wait until this weekend to accomplish that feat against Midland Lutheran College.

UNO ended up winning the Ironwood Classic despite the chop.

"It's a hassle for the players to get a routine down," Assistant Sports Information Director Mike Kros said. "Players lose some of the spirit of play when things like that happen."

The baseball team, for example, was practicing outside for about two weeks in Omaha and had played 28 games before the snow hit. But 23 of those games were on the road.

UNO only got to play five games at home before a home double-header was postponed April 6. Now, the team has just seven more home games left.

"They are out there practicing for two weeks and then they get shoved inside,"



photo by Danielle Petersen

The snowstorm that blanketed the state last week was a nightmare for UNO athletic teams.

Kros said. "It happens, and it seems to happen a little bit every year."

Although the golf team did play one round, it was played in 30-degree weather in poor conditions. The tennis team didn't even get to play.

The outdoor track team opened its season last week and won the meet despite the very cold weather.

"It wasn't windy, but it was just kind of a raw day," Hendricks said. "There were some kids who ran like four races. We really worked them ragged. It really affected the sprinter and the throwers."

So with the weather again turning toward spring, perhaps for good this time, the Mavericks may be able to get on some sort of set pattern. But this is Nebraska, and it is still April, so anything can and probably will still happen.

Outdoor track team makes strides toward nationals

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The UNO women's outdoor track team began its season last weekend, winning the Northwest Missouri State Invitational.

Coach Tim Hendricks attributed the success of the outdoor team last weekend to the fact that the team competes in various forms at a high level all year long.

The team starts out in the fall with a full cross country schedule and then has a full indoor track season before the outdoor season starts.

"We were pretty pleased at how things turned out [with cross country]," Hendricks said. "I guess the only disappointment with cross country is that we finished fourth in the conference, but then ... we wound up going to the national tournament."

It was the first time that the cross country team qualified for the national meet, and it finished 16th at the meet.

"We were in the toughest region in the country. We had missed by one place the last three or four years, and so we finally got in," Hendricks said. "It was good for the seniors that they got to go. It was good for the freshmen to experience that. Hopefully, it will keep them hungry, and they will do that again."

Hendricks built on that momentum going into the indoor season, and again took his team to a national meet.

"The indoor season again we were only third in the North Central, but we had gone in with the expectation that we didn't want to finish any worse than second, but that's the breaks," Hendricks said. "The mile relay was ran extremely well, which finished third, and then the other two events, the 20-pound weight and the triple jump, we were a little disappointed there, we were hoping that they could finish a little bit higher."

The Mavericks finished 20th at the meet after finishing 12th the year before.

In the coming outdoor season, Hendricks really hopes his team raises the bar. Hendricks is going to send much of the team to the Jim Duncan Drake Invite so the runners can get some first-hand experience at that track before heading into the Drake Relays, one of the largest meets in the country.

"[Assistant Coach Ben Laird] is going to take a couple kids down to Emporia [State] for the Heptathlon, and we were going to go down there for the D-II challenge," Hendricks said.

All this work for another chance at qualifying for the track tri-fecta, going to nationals in all three seasons.

Southern teams have strong advantage in spring sports

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Up to this point in the season, the UNO softball team carries a 20-4 record.

It has squeezed 24 games into exactly one full month of the season. That's an average of nearly a game a day.

But Barry University of Miami Shores, Fla., has already completed 47 games. The trend does not stop there.

Angelo State of San Angelo, Texas, has popped off 42 games. North Florida has completed 39 games and the University of California at Davis has completed 41

games.

The connection? Each of these schools is in the top five in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. The other school in the top five is North Dakota State, which has only played 21 games.

"Then is there an advantage to playing in that warm weather?" said Steve Field, one of the assistant sports information directors at UNO. "I think so. They get in all those games before even facing teams like us."

Those schools also have the advantage

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Phillippe said: "We must hold our university responsible to it students, community and the environment."

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of starting much earlier. The southern schools start their season almost a full month before the average North Central Conference schools and have times where they can have more days off.

Because of the snowstorm that hit last week, the baseball team had to postpone an April 8 double-header with the University of Nebraska at Kearney to April 15. And that's not the only concern.

Assistant Sports Information Director Mike Kros said: "The entire season is crammed into 10 to 12 weeks, and as a result, you get a situation like we did in early April, where the baseball team played seven games in four days."

Between March 30 and April 2, the Mavericks went 4-3 playing three double-headers and a single game against Creighton University.

The pitching staff went through the week without a day off and really took a toll, Kros said.

So it is not uncommon to see southern schools at the top of the polls for sports like softball and baseball, but in the case of softball, there is still room for the northerners.

North Dakota State ranks No. 3 in the nation, and UNO is currently No. 11.

It all comes down to who is most prepared come playoff time, and with a national championship banner from the 2001 season, the UNO softball team has managed the shortened season just fine.

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and the globe. To act as a leader for all the people, UNO should reconsider eliminating the recycling programs and continue this process - "One tree won't make up a mountain, but many trees together make a higher mountain."

Hung Pham
UNO student

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commander and handle administrative and day-to-day operations.

"I kind of run the show," Porter says. "My job is to take care of that command and control group that supervises everyone else."

There is the possibility Porter could be deployed individually.

"If they need a nurse, I'm pretty much one of the only nurses in my unit right now," she says.

Because of her background in emergency medicine and cardiology, Porter would most likely be a nurse in an emergency room setting.

"You're working on dirt floors and small supplies of things," Porter says. "I would love that experience of being able to adapt and work in that kind of environment. I think it would add to my clinical skills."

Porter does fear the unknown if she gets deployed. She says she will miss her friends and family but knows things would go right back to the way they were when she returned.

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Noon to 12:45 p.m.
HPER Pool Sheryl

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Step
5:15 to 6 p.m.
110 HPER Lily

Tuesday

Kickbox Mix
7:45 to 8:50 a.m.
110 HPER Larry

W.E.T.
5:15 to 6:15 p.m.
HPER Pool Sheryl

Cardio Funk
5:15 to 6:15 p.m.
110 HPER Jennifer

Women on Weights
5:15 to 6:15 p.m.
105 HPER Julie

Basic Training
7:50 to 8:50 p.m.
250 HPER Janine

Wednesday

Aqua Lunch
Noon to 12:45 p.m.
HPER Pool Sheryl

Kickbox Mix
12:10 to 1 p.m.
110 HPER Chris

Muscle Conditioning
4:15 to 5:15 p.m.
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7:45 to 8:50 a.m.
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5:15 to 6:15 p.m.
HPER Pool Sheryl

Basic Training
7:50 to 8:50 p.m.
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